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### Major countries launch new anti-terror group

AP, September 23, 2011

<http://news.yahoo.com/major-countries-launch-anti-terror-group-173230860.html>

Twenty-nine countries from around the world, plus the European Union, on Thursday launched a new multilateral organization dedicated to fighting terrorism. The new group will become "a counterterrorism network that is as nimble and adaptive as our adversaries," US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said at the inaugural meeting of the Global Counterterrorism Forum, or GCTF...The 30 founding members of the group are Algeria, Australia, Britain, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, Egypt, the European Union, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and the United States.

### Nationalisation 'could scare off S. Africa's investors'

AFP, September 23, 2011

<http://news.yahoo.com/nationalisation-could-scare-off-africas-investors-130143748.html>

A top official of South Africa's African National Congress has warned nationalisation could scare off investors and that it will not back schemes that threaten the economy. "We want to look at what is best for South Africans and when people advocate for a policy we want a policy that does not hurt the economy," ANC secretary-general Gwede Mantashe said during a visit to the Zimbabwean capital Harare, the state-run Herald reported.

### South Africa's Marcus Says 'No End in Sight' to Global Crisis

Andres R. Martinez, Businessweek, September 23, 2011

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2011-09-23/south-africa-s-marcus-says-no-end-in-sight-to-global-crisis.html>

South African Reserve Bank Governor Gill Marcus said there's "no end in sight" for the global financial crisis after stocks and currencies plunged around the world yesterday. "We are meeting on a day that is probably going to go down in history as one of the worst in global markets," Marcus said in a speech in Midrand, near Johannesburg, yesterday. "Around the world there has been what they call blood on the floor." South Africa's central bank left its benchmark lending rate unchanged at a 30-year low of 5.5 percent yesterday to help support economic growth while curbing price pressures that may result from a weakening rand.

### S.African court allows Malema to appeal hate song

AFP, September 23, 2011

<http://news.yahoo.com/african-court-allows-malema-appeal-hate-song-163705110.html>

A South African court on Thursday granted ruling party youth leader Julius Malema permission to appeal his hate speech judgement for singing a racially charged anti-apartheid song. "There is a reasonable prospect that another court will come to a different conclusion than I did," said Judge Collin Lamont, whose ruling against Malema imposed a ban on singing the lyrics that mean "shoot the white farmer".

### **U.N. Security Council debates preventive diplomacy**

Josh Rogin, Foreign Policy, September 22, 2011

[http://thecable.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/09/22/un\\_security\\_council\\_debates\\_preventive\\_diplomacy](http://thecable.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2011/09/22/un_security_council_debates_preventive_diplomacy)

The U.N. Security Council met today for its only formal session of the week and debated the issue of "preventive diplomacy" -- a term that means different things for different nations. For the United States, preventive diplomacy means combining all the tools of international leverage -- including the use of force -- to prevent conflicts from breaking out or preventing hot conflicts from getting out of hand. It also means building sustainable economies and functioning democracies, with the goal of creating societies that can manage disputes on the national and regional levels. "Peace, prosperity, and democracy cannot endure if imposed from the outside," U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice said at the session.

### **UN Renews Commitment Against Racism**

Joe DeCapua, Voice of America, September 22, 2011

<http://www.voanews.com/english/news/africa/decapua-un-racism-22sept11-130364053.html>

U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki Moon said while much has been done to combat racism and xenophobia, much remains to be done. He spoke on the 10th anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Program of Action. The document was adopted in Durban in 2001 at the U.N. World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. At the time it was called an "innovative and action oriented agenda to combat all forms of racism."

### **UPDATE: Russian Dep Fin Min: No Mechanism For BRICS To Jointly Aid Countries**

Ira Iosebashvili, The Wall Street Journal, September 22, 2011

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20110922-716364.html>

WASHINGTON -- The BRICS group of emerging market powerhouses cannot provide aid to crisis-stricken Europe because they lack a common mechanism for doing so, Russian Deputy Finance Minister Sergei Storchak said Thursday. The various BRICS countries "all have different government procedures for making decisions. To act together as 'the BRICS' is all but impossible," Storchak said. "The issue of the BRICS aiding European countries as a group was not even raised at these meetings."

### **Moves to Snap Up Land in Africa Draw Scrutiny**

Patrick McGroarty, The Wall Street Journal, September 22, 2011

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424053111904563904576584673419328758.html>

Some foreign companies are acquiring land in Africa without proper approval or adequate compensation for the people living on it, according to a new report by the international aid group Oxfam, highlighting the political risk of pursuing agricultural projects as the continent's economy heats up.